## The Cochin Food Adulteration Regulation—Administration of.

99. **Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state if the Regulation prohibiting the sale of adulterated food stuffs is strictly adhered to in the State?

**Dr. E. S. R. Menon.**—No. The necessary draft rules for rendering the Regulation workable have only just been approved and published in the Gazette for public criticism.

## Complaints against the Lady Doctor at the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, Nemmara.

100. **Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres in Cochin State;

(b) how many health visitors and lady doctors have been appointed in each centre;

(c) may I know their duties;

(d) are they not bound to attend labour cases in houses if they are called for;

(e) did not the Director of Public Health and Panchayats receive from Nemmara a complaint against the local lady doctor;

(f) if the answer is in the affirmative, may I know kindly what steps have been taken so far in the matter?

**Dr. E. S. R. Menon.**—(a) Three centres have been opened at present.

(b) Nemmara centre.—1 lady doctor and 2 health visitors.
Irinjalakuda centre.—1 lady doctor and 3 health visitors.
Kunnamkulam centre.—1 lady doctor and 3 health visitors.

(c) The duties of the health visitors are to visit the houses in their respective jurisdiction for purposes of registering cases of pregnant women, infants and toddlers and giving the necessary advice to the people with regard to personal hygiene, midwifery care, management and feeding of infants, etc., and the Medical officers in charge of the centres have to supervise the work of the health visitors and give the necessary medical aid and advice free in times of necessity to the ailing public.

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